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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT MALI DEFENSE MINISTER DOUKARA

REF: BAMAKO 4238 (NOTAL); OUAGADOUGOU 0086

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PARIS FOR MELONE AND HELMAN

FOR BACKGROUND ONLY

1. MALI MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND DROUGHT COORDINATOR
DOUKARA EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON THIS WEEK. DOUKARA
HAS PLANNED TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR SOME MONTHS TO
DISCUSS DROUGHT RELIEF AND MAP TRAINING PROPOSALS. EMLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BASSY BAMAKO (REFTEL) ON DECEMBER 9 INFORMED STATE THAT

DOUKARA HAD ASKED FOR WASHINGTON CALLS ON AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER TO DISCUSS DROUGHT RELIEF AND MID TERM PROJECTS. DOUKARA ALSO WANTS TO DISCUSS WITH DOD SETTING UP OF MAP TRAINING.

2. GOM HAS BEGUN TO DRAW DOWN 500,000 DOLS REPEAT 500,000 DOLS FMS CREDIT FROM FY 1972. USING THAT SUM GOM HAS REQUESTED 500 PARACHUTES, C-47 SPARE PARTS AND LANGUAGE LABORATORY. REQUESTS ARE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF APPROVAL

BY DOD/STATE. PARACHUTES REQUEST, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED, WAS MADE EARLY 1974. C-47 PARTS REQUEST, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROVED, DATES AT LEAST BACK TO EARLY 1974. LANGUAGE LAB REQUEST ALSO HAS LONG HISTORY. WE ANTICIPATE DOUKARA WILL DISCUSS FMS SALES IF HE COMES TO WASHINGTON.

- 3. WE TRIED TO HEAD DOUKARA OFF. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF LONG PLANNED TRIP AND GOM PERCEIVED NEED TO DISCUSS DROUGHT AND OTHER ISSUES, WE EXPECT HIM THIS WEEK. DOUKARA HAS NOT CONFIRMED THIS SCHEDULE.
- 4. STATE/AID VIEWS DOUKARA VISIT AS ONE WHICH IS POTENTIALLY USEFUL IN DROUGHT RELIEF. HOWEVER, ON MAP/FMS SIDE, WE DO NOT INTEND TO EXPAND CURRENT HISTORIC ARRANGEMENT ON FMS CREDITS. WE DO NOT PLAN ANY FMS CREDIT SALES IN FUTURE ABOVE CURRENT 500,000 DOLS.
- 5. FOR OUAGADOUGOU: IF GOUV SHOULD RAISE SUBJECT WITH YOU, YOU SHOULD RESPOND THAT VISIT WAS PLANNED SOME MONTHS AGO, AT GOM'S REQUEST, AND IS FOR DISCUSSION SAHELIAN DROUGHT RELIEF MEASURES AND MID-TERM PROJECTS. KISSINGER

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